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SUBJ: POLITICAL COLORATION OF CANDIDATE KEO ANN

REF: PHNOM PENH 3268

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1. DEPT IS INTRIGUED BY REFTEL REFERENCE TO KEO ANN'S "SIHANOUKIST CANDIDACY" BUT HAS NO BACKGROUND OTHER THAN EARLIER REPORTING OF KEO'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IF ELECTED HE WOULD ACCEPT SIHANOUK'S RETURN "AS SIMPLE KHMER CITIZEN."

2. IF KEO'S PLATFORM HAS NOW SO EVOLVED THAT HE CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS "SIHANOUKIST", THIS COULD, IN THE ABSENCE OF REPRESSION, PROVIDE FIRST OBJECTIVE TEST OF RESIDUAL SENTIMENT FOR PRINCE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS. YY

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REASON FOR EXEMPTION DATE

EXEMPTION REASON(S)

EXEMPTION MARKINGS ☐

DECLASSIFIED ☒ UNCLASSIFIED ☒

REASON DENIED

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